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REFERENCES

PAGES 2 ENCLOSURES (NO. & TYPE) 1 - Standard Manpower Questionnaire

REMARKS

1. An Inf Regt, with the name Miloslav Hodza, was located in the Milan Hodza Barracks on Krizna Vajnorska Street, NL sector of Bratislava, prior to 14 June 1950. (1) Three companies of the regiment were located in Pezinok (P 49/T 00). The regiment was allegedly assigned to a division in Bratislava (P 49/A 99). (2) Lieutenant Colonel Leopold Vosatko was regimental commander; Major Micek, (fnu), was deputy CO.
2. The following units of the regiment were in the Milan Hodza Barracks : 1st, 2d and 3rd Inf Cos, armed with Czech rifles and Soviet submachine guns; 4th SMG Co with Soviet submachine guns; 5th MG Co; 6th Co with an 80-mm mortar platoon and a platoon with German 75-mm AT guns; 7th Co with 120-mm mortars; and the regimental band. The strength and organization of the 6th Co was often changed for training purposes. Each company numbered 70 to 80 men. (3)
3. Soldiers volunteering for service with parachute troops were given a medical examination and a thorough political screening after mid-January 1950. Those meeting the required standards were transferred to parachute units in Bohemia and Moravia in April 1950. In April 1950 200 soldiers of the regiment were detached to the 8th Combined Technical Mining Battalion in Karvinna (Q 50/O 69) which was commanded by Staff Captain Sicak, (fnu). About 20,000 soldiers were employed in coal mining work in that area.
4. The Milan Hodza Barracks, Bratislava, also housed a unit with 70 riding horses and numerous remounts, which were assigned to a cavalry battalion in Hove Zamky (P 48/Y 78).

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The Masaryk Barracks, Bratislava, south of the Milan Hodza Barracks, housed a motorized infantry unit. The Sturove Barracks, north of the Masaryk Barracks, was occupied by AAA, heavy artillery, and engineer units. [redacted] was in As (M 51/P 13). (4)

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[redacted] Comments.

- (1) The most important barracks in Bratislava are on Krizna Vajnorska Street. The name of the barracks was presumably derived from the name of the regiment. The 39th Vyzvedny Inf Regt, assigned to the 9th Div in Nitra, was known in Bratislava prior to the summer of 1949. The report contains no indications that this regiment is Inf Regt Utvar [redacted]
- (2) No infantry division has been identified in Bratislava.
- (3) The information is not considered complete. It is believed that the Milan Hodza Barracks housed the regimental units and one battalion of the regiment.
- (4) In paragraph 9 of attached questionnaire, [redacted] the entire 1923 class was inducted. However, it is believed that only a small contingent of the 1923 class was inducted in October 1949.

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